

Algebra/Topology Seminar

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HOW COMPATIBLE PAIRS OF TRANSFER SYSTEMS WITNESS EQUIVARIANT STRUCTURE

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ABSTRACT. Transfer systems are combinatorial objects that encode information about equivariant operations. More precisely, a transfer system encodes the transfers (or wrong-way maps) carried by algebras over certain equivariant operads. Thus, transfer systems allow us to use combinatorial tools to study equivariant homotopy theory. Compatible pairs of transfer systems, which are a pair of transfer systems satisfying certain conditions, correspond to multiplicative structures compatible with an underlying additive structure. In particular, compatible pairs are closely related to equivariant operads, ring spectra, bi-incomplete Tambara functors, and model structures. In this talk we introduce transfer systems, compatible pairs, and discuss several properties of transfer systems and their compatible pairs which help us better understand the equivariant objects and structures mentioned above.

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